

## LETTERS ON MANY

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evidently really feel. I am delighted to show  
any courtesy  
to Pierpont Morgan or Andrew Carnegie or  
James J. Hill,  
but as for regarding any one of them as, for  
*I*

regard Professor Bury, or Peary, the Arctic  
explorer, or  
Admiral Evans, or Rhodes, the historian, or  
Selous, the big  
game hunter (to mention at random guests  
who  
at the "White House not long ago)—why, *I*  
could not force  
myself to do it even if *I* wanted to, which *I* do  
not.

"The very luxurious, grossly material life of  
the average  
multimillionaire whom I know does not appeal  
to me in the  
least, and nothing could hire me to lead it. It  
is an exceed-  
ingly nice thing to have money enough to be  
able to a  
hunting trip in Africa after big game (if you  
are not able  
to make it pay for itself in some other way).  
It is an ex-  
ceedingly nice thing, if you are young, to have  
one or two  
good jumping horses and to be able to  
occasionally hunt—  
although Heaven forbend that any one for  
whom I care  
should treat riding to hounds as the serious  
of

life!

It is an exceedingly nice thing to have a  
good house to  
be able to purchase good books and good  
pictures, and espe-  
cially to have that house isolated from others.  
But I wholly  
fail to see where any real enjoyment comes  
from a dozen  
automobiles, a couple of hundred horses, and  
a good many  
different houses luxuriously upholstered.  
From the stand-  
point of real pleasure I should selfishly prefer  
my old-time  
ranch on the Little Missouri to anything in  
Newport."

In similar vein, with special reference to the desire of Americans to be "presented at court," he wrote to White-law Reid in London, on May 25, 1908:

"I have grown to have a constantly increasing horror of the Amerifta.Tig who go abroad desiring to be presented at court or to meet sovereigns. In very young people it is excusable folly; in older people it is mere snobbishness.

. . . I can not be too sincerely grateful that when Mrs. Eoosevelt and I were abroad before I was President, we refused to be presented. I have a hearty respect for the right kind of a king and for the right kind of aristoe-